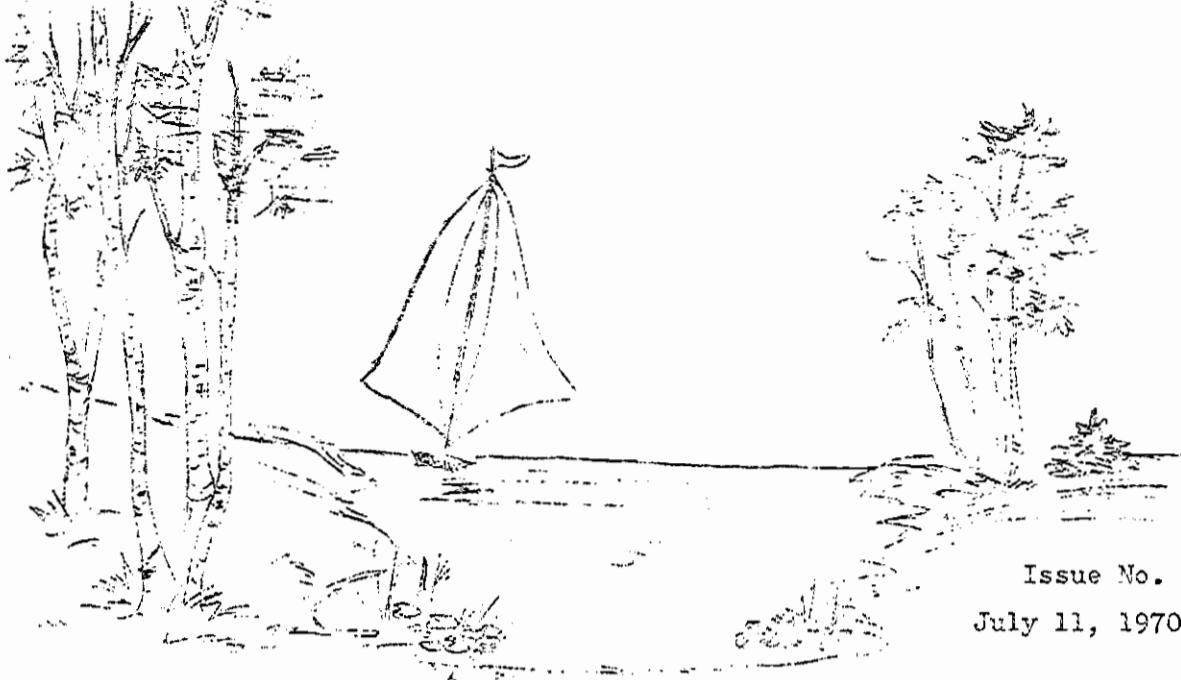


# THE BIRCH BARKER



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### TO HELP YOU REMEMBER -- SOME BOATING LAWS IN MICHIGAN!!

1. ALL motor operated boats must be registered. Michigan boats must be re-registered with the Secretary of State at Lansing, Michigan. You will be furnished with a number and two decals. Numbers and decals must be affixed on the port and starboard sides of the bow -- BETTER YOU PUT YOUR BOAT IN THE WATER.

NO MORE WARNING OR CAUTION NOTICES WILL BE GIVEN

NON-RESIDENT BOAT OWNERS -- If you do not have your state registration number and State Decal do not put your boat on Birch Lake or other Michigan lakes. Courts and lawyers are expensive.

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2. All boats must carry one life preserver (Coast Guard Approved) for each person transported. "All" means motor-boats, Sail Fish and Sun Fish and other powered boats.

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3. Boats - Pontoons - all powered craft MUST travel counter-clockwise when circling the lake. Stay on the RIGHT SIDE of the buoys!!

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4. Ski-Boat Owners, Operators, and Skiers -- PLEASE NOTE. You must stay not less than 100 feet from swimming areas, diving rafts and other boats except when letting off the skier at the home port.

You must bring in your skier at right-angle to the shore line whenever this is possible.

After dropping your skier at shore or dock you must make a "U" turn, heading out from the drop-point.

5. AT ANY TIME -- YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE AND LIABLE:

for CARELESS AND/OR RECKLESS BOAT OPERATION AND CONTROL.

for OPERATING A BOAT WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS, DRUGS, NARCOTICS, ETC.

6. ALL BOATS causing appreciable WAVE must stay not less than 100 feet from the shore-line except when returning to home dock or port.

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A number of boats have been observed going behind swim-floats. If your boat is powered by motor, including pontoon boats, you are liable to be charged and fined for reckless boating. In addition, you are also responsible for injury to

swimmers in such areas. You can promote lake safety by staying outside floats and swimming areas. SWIMMERS -- Part of the responsibility is yours too -- YOU risk injury by swimming in boating channels. And that night-swim out in the lake could result in your becoming a real "cut-up". Do your part in promoting Lake Safety.

OUR MARINE DEPUTY AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REQUEST THAT YOU DO YOUR SHARE IN INFORMING YOUR GUESTS OF MICHIGAN WATER LAW REQUIREMENTS AND THAT THEY BE AWARED TO THE FACT THAT NO MORE PRELIMINARY OR WARNING NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED AND THAT A "FIRST OFFENSE" IS IT!!

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A WORD FROM THE COMMODORE

A big Thank You is in order to Don and Dorothea Coleman who are publishing the BIRCH BARKER this year. The "newshounds" delivering the Barker and collecting news on Saturday mornings are:

South Side: Tim and Steve Troeger, Roberta Schmitt, Julie Ball  
East Side: Pam, Vickey and Kelley Schaer and Phil Bochler  
Hill: Jill Tunnicliffe  
North Side: Cindy Spratt  
West Side & Cove: Jane Axelberg, Stacey Cowen, Sally Hayden  
Distribution: Scott Troeger

The timely articles appearing in the Birch Barker on water pollution (submitted by Mrs. Brown) and boating safety are of great interest to us all. Thank you - Don and Dorothea, we all appreciate the job you are doing.

Jack Troeger, Commodore

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SNIPES -- 4th OF JULY REGATTA

Boat No.	Skipper	1st	2nd	3rd	Standing
14766	Hague, Brian	3	3	1	1
9432	Troeger	4	2	2	2
13836	Holtz	5	1	4	3
13835	Milne	1	4	DNF	4
15500	Hague, Barry	2	DNF	3	5
18399	Varga	6	7	5	6
11058	Explorers	7	5	7	7
10529	Verledt	DNS	6	7	8
13	Staton	DNS	8	6	9
17305	Speck	DNS	9	9	10

The Snipe Fleet welcomes Bob Staton, Greg Speck and Mike Verledt. Keep showing up out there on the Lake fellas. Let's see all the Snipes out! Are you listening, Jim and Tom and Bonnie? Glad to see Jim Crull out practicing in his Snipe. Come on out and join us anytime, Jim.

SUNFISH -- 4th OF JULY REGATTA

Boat No.	Skipper	1st	2nd	3rd	Standing	Points
14766	Claro	1	4	2	1	4569
14310	Troeger, T.	4	1	2	2	4490
21923	Carpenter	2	2	3	3	4486
25075	Tunnicliff	5	3	5	4	4036
130	Machalleck	3	5	6	5	3965
	Spratt	10	10	4	6	3291
17992	Marlan	7	8	10	7	3206
24252	Kruggel	9	6	11	8	3149
14580	Troeger, S.	6	14	7	9	3110
21351	King	12	7	8	10	3086
	O'Brien	8	9	12	11	2934
2909	Cowen	11	12	9	12	2769
	Williams	14	11	13	13	2413
	Courtney	13	13	14	14	2297

WEEKLY STANDINGS AS OF JULY 5th RACES

Boat No.	Skipper	Average Points
27923	Carpenter	1470
2-766	Claro	1431
14310	Troeger, T.	1391
130	Machalleck	1386
22398	Foote	1328
25075	Tunnicliff	1293
17992	Harlan	1123
24252	Kruggel	1117
25131	Spratt	1093
20909	Cowen	1089
14580	Troeger, S.	1043
	Axelberg	1023
	O'Brien	1008
21351	King	943
	Williams	735
16039	Bell	733
	Lennon	702
	Courtney	622

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LIVE NEWS

The DiRutigliano Family (cottage 49 South Side) enjoyed the company of the Songero Family and the Reed sisters. They had a fun weekend of skiing, boating, fireworks and fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Weldy, North Shore, will be in The Scandinavian Countries, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Ireland. Two families will be in their cottage: The Robert Bygulski Family from South Bend from July 5-19, and the Harry Baker Family, Mishawaka, July 19 to August 2. The Weldys will return on Monday, August 3.

Guests of the Meringas since Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Wellington of Three Rivers, Michigan. Also Mr. and Mrs. Alton Osborn of Ohio and Mrs. Frank Osborn of Florida. Mrs. Viola Heitsman of Nottawa was also a guest.

Dave Getzinger, Dave Getzinger's daughter, is spending the month of July with her grandparents in cottage 2. She is renewing old acquaintances she left 4 years ago. Dave is now residing in Houston, Texas.

Guests of the John Bells for the 4th of July fireworks were Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman, Carol and Cathy of Elkhart, and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Denton of Washington, with daughter Dearne. John Jr.'s guest was Sandy Noel of Elkhart.

The Wayne Milnes entertained members of the Griffith Reunion. Nancy's mothers family. Those in attendance were: Grandfather Walter Harber, Ann Canwell, cousin from Youngstown, Ohio, Lawrence and Ruth Griffith, Uncle and Aunt from Hastings, Michigan, Florence Leas, Aunt from Hammond, Indiana, Robert Leas and daughter, Mary, from Hammond, Linn and Ann Griffith, and sons Martin and Paul, and daughter Ellen Griffith, from Turlock, California, their daughter and her husband, John Langmaid, and son John Dale and their Grandma and Grandpa, Scotty and Eva Milne, besides Laura and Amy Dale and the Basset Hound; Cindy Langmaid.

Mary Milne is a Counselor for the Girl Scouts at Cipton Camp at Winamac, Indiana for 8 weeks. Son James Milne writes from Viet Nam that he has 80 some days to serve in Viet Nam before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Holler and daughter and son, Laura and P.J., of St. Louis, Missouri, were guests 1-st week of Henry and Fran Roddeger. Several lake neighbors and Grandpa and Grandma Olson helped Eric Roddeger celebrate his second birthday Thursday, July 2. Grandma and Grandpa Ward, Gary, Henry's parents, spent Saturday, the 4th, with the birthday boy. Mr. and Mrs. James Schroeder and son, Mark, of South Bend spent a few days with the Roddegers this week. Fran, Henry, and Eric report Birch Lake is "the greatest".

July 4th guests of the Everett Padgers (cottage 6) were the K. Lee Ponslers from Crawfordsville, Indiana. Mrs. Ponsler is the former Marti Padger.

Norman J. Monroe and Family entertained Steve Waite from Longview and Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Monroe from Harrison, New York.

Haty's-Nik (Maybelle Koeberniks cottage #125) was visited by out of state families on the 4th of July weekend: Mr. and Mrs. John Jorgensen, Diane and Les from Council Bluffs, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bennett from Columbus, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Drinkall and children from Granger, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Troup from Elkhart, and Mr. and Mrs. William Drinkall from Elkhart.

Lisa and Pawn Blue were entertained this last week by their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Starr Wentworth, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blue, were moving to Barrington, Illinois.

Lee Tackett from Queens, New York visited the Hibschnan's "Birch Ridge" on the 4th. All enjoyed the fireworks. Also at "Birch Ridge" were Chuck and Tom Hibschnan, Jim Hibschnan, Mel Hibschnan, Annabelle Hibschnan, Marsha, Dave and Jennifer Hibschnan. Thanks Birch Lake for another wonderful 4th.

Dr. and Mrs. Cloyd Partridge and family have returned from three years in Germany and are visiting their parents at Wee Wood before going to Palo Alto, California to live. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Partridge and family of Cincinnati were also here for a few days as well as Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Caenepeel and family from South Bend.

Lt. and Mrs. William Cooley were guests of honor at the Rieth's (she is the niece of Mrs. Rieth). They are from Ft. Wolters, Texas, in route to Alabama. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Cooley, Sr. of Three Rivers, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wardle of Three Rivers, Mrs. Tansley of Battle Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Inman of South Bend.

Guests of the Kruggels this week were Bev's sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Bob Hounshell and their five children, Brenda, Becky, Robin, Robbie and Clay. The Hounshell's are from Sedalia, Colorado.

The Double-D had their regular July 4th get-together. Guests included: from South Bend - Professor and Mrs. LeClair Bells, Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart Lee, Mrs. Mabel Schaffer, Mr. and Mrs. O. Laven, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Harwood, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bolesky, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gandy, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sindtinger - from Mishawaka were Mrs. Mel Hibschnan and Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence - from Elkhart and Mr. Gary, Arizona were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kissinger - from Mottville were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hall - from New York were Lee Tackett and Tom Hibschnan and from Great Lakes Naval Station Chuck Hibschnan. Winter apparel was furnished to all guests.

What a cool 4th of July but nothing could dampen our enthusiasm for Beautiful Birch Lake. The fireworks committee deserves a special vote of thanks. As usual, we have our guest list complete for next 4th of July already. Dear old Birch has the perfect setting to celebrate our Nation's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. David Kinner and family of South Bend are enjoying a restful week of their vacation at #307, Helen and I.T. and I.T.'s mother, Mrs. John Bowers arrived on Thursday to enjoy the summer. This is the first 4th of July that Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bowers and children, Teri and Mike, have missed in a good many years. The reason - Paul and family were transferred by Uni Royal to Naugatuck, Connecticut. They say it is a beautiful part of the country. Helen and I.T. and daughter, Marjorie, also Betty's mother, Mrs. Hertel, hope to visit them in October. Of course, we missed them as soon as we said good bye but that's life and we are happy they are only 865 miles away and have promised to spend at least a month every summer at Birch.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Addison, of South Bend, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford R. Cowen, #308.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Shewman and Mr. and Mrs. John Langwall entertained 40 members of the Curry family at a family reunion. They came with travel cars, camping trailers, tents and boats. The guests were from Madison, Wisconsin; Detroit, Michigan; Indianapolis, Indiana; Bloomington, Indiana and Cleveland, Ohio. A good time was had by all in spite of the cool weather.

The Jack Asires arrived on Friday from Centerport, New York. They will be at Birch Lake for the summer.

Many thanks to Charles and Louise Devorak for the use of their ideal site from which the fireworks were displayed. Also to the Newberg-Porter Township Voluntary Fire Department for the marvelous job of firing them. A contribution of \$50.00 to the fire departments fund has been made by B.L.F.C.

John Parnell, Jr. graduated from U. of M. Law School in May and has taken a position with Frost and Jacobs Law Firm in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Richard Purnell graduated from M.S.U. in June and is now on a motorcycle trip in the east with two friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Doolittle entertained their son, Bob, Jr. and family of Vincennes, Indiana over the 4th of July. Their guests also included Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gallagher and sons, Brian and Andy, of Vincennes. Bob and Tom had just returned from a fishing trip in Canada, near Pickles Lake, where they enjoyed fabulous catches of Great Northern and Walleye Pike. They entertained everyone who would sit still with movies they took of their week in the wilds of Canada and by Sunday the captive audiences were exhausted.

Dr. Robert Proudfoot of Mishawaka was a guest of the Doolittles for dinner Saturday night and the fireworks which followed.

Rick Doolittle and Bill Rasmussen of Camp Eberhart ate Sunday dinner with the Doolittles and seemed to enjoy "Mom's" home cooking after a month of camp fare. Bill celebrated his 23rd birthday on Sunday.

"Grandma Doolittle" leaves on July 13 for Maui, Hawaii to be present at the birth of twin grandchildren to her daughter, Ann Johnson. If she survives the event, she will be back at Birch Lake by the end of August to regale anyone who is interested with her experiences as a nursemaid and "mamah" - Grandpa Doolittle will stay at home and "batch it".

The Scofields in cottage #185 have a new alarm clock -- two tiny baby birds. They were named Crip (for he has a broken leg) and Mouth (for he constantly has his mouth open begging for food) by their new step-mother Darlene. Their Aunt Laurie is thrilled with the addition and helps take part in the feeding. Darlene's only problem is, she isn't sure how she will teach them to fly.

July 2nd - Sally Made It! Miss Sally Hayden, daughter of Bill and "Tish" Hayden, made her debut with a bang-up ski ride. Dad drove - mother was observer and brother Tom provided assistance as coach and supervisor. Congratulations, Sally!!

Rumor has it that several pre-teens on the Cove, headed by Sally Hayden, have spent several nights Snipe hunting, well equipped with paper bags, lettuce, and all the necessary ingredients. How was the catch?

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#### NEWCOMERS CORNER

Welcome to Birch Lake to Mr. and Mrs. (Chester and Vivian) Kolber and their family, Chris, Kathy and Sharon. Their new home on Woodland Cove is rapidly being completed. Chester is a member of the South Bend Police Department and is hoping for time and leisure to "apprehend" some fish and "pursue" some vacation pleasures.

We wish to welcome new residents of Birch Lake, Donald and Wade Cleveland, who have purchased a cottage at Kilocua Woods. Don is the owner of the Trump Cleaners in Nappanee, Indiana. Their son, Jon, and his wife, Gloria, and their two year old son, Todd, will be spending much of their time at Birch Lake also.

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In the Navy is RM<sup>3</sup> Brent Brown, USS Guam LPK-9, FPO New York, 09501.

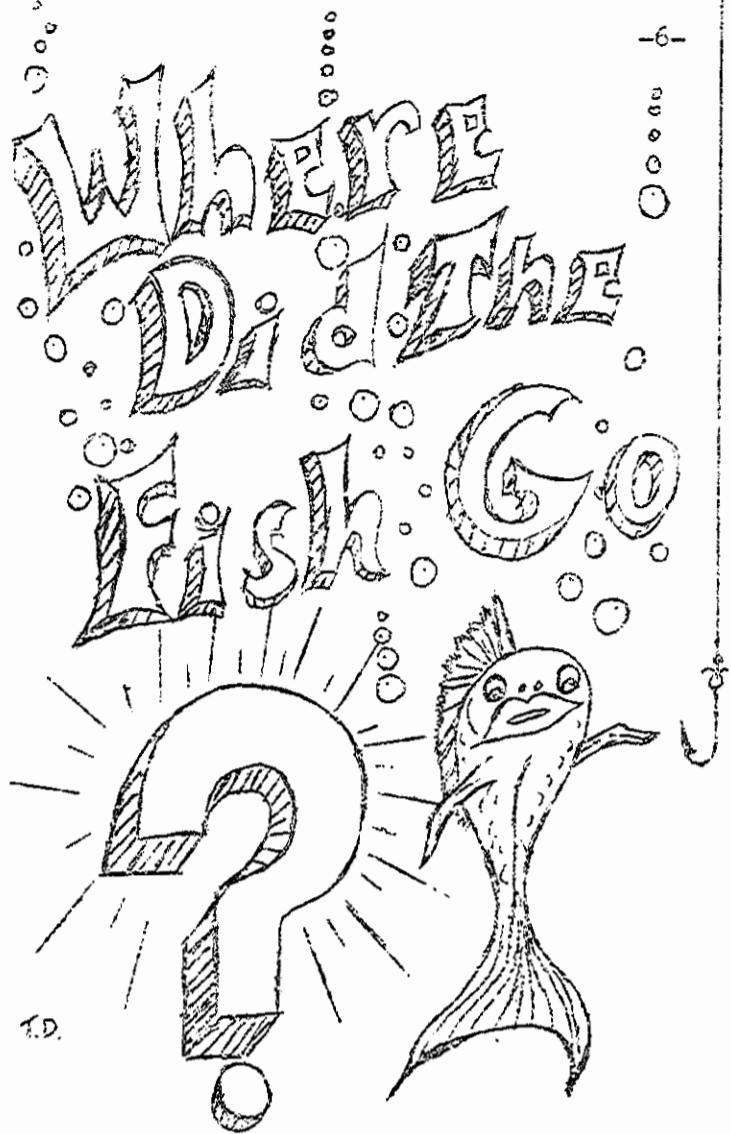
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LOST - 1 Cypress Garden Ski - only one pocket - natural wood color - metal rudder. Would appreciate return to Parnells - Cottage #330, or call 476-9317.

FOR SALE - Fuel Tank with legs - 275 gal. - \$30.00 - Mattress and Springs \$10 - Esks 7 H.P. Motor \$35 - Lonestar Canvass - new - \$25 - Yellow Plastic covered chair \$2 - Cottage #355 or 476-2479.

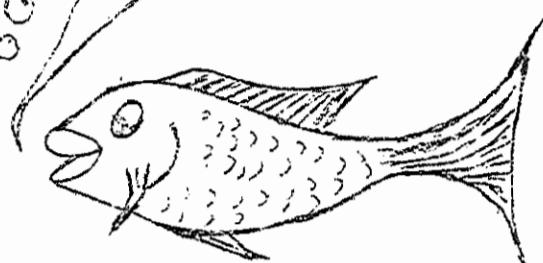
FOR SALE - 11' Sailboat, all fiberglass - perfect - \$110. Cottage #182, Mrs. C. R. Lafferty.

FOR SALE - Like new, 42x60 Cartop carrier with padlock. Can be seen at "Scotty" Milnes. Best offer takes it. Cottage #93 - Phone 476-9623.



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Fishing has been so bad, that they even kept Charlie the tuna.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO IMPROVE BIRCH LAKE'S FISHING? If you are concerned please contact Russell L. Weaver: 476-2184, Cottage #16, South Side. (Please contact after 5 pm Michigan time). If the Fishing Club is organized it will try to work with the Conservation Department and the Yacht Club to stock more fish into the lake and to make fishing a more enjoyable sport on Birch.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION! The sailors are going to raffle off a 15' fibreglass canoe on August 2, 1970. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Proceeds are to go towards a Committee Boat to start the Sunfish and Snipe races. Let's all support the fleet. We can use all the help we can get.

Anyone wanting to help out on the Race Committees please contact Dick Cowan or Don Holtz. It's lots of fun to see the races from the lake - don't be bashful!!

REMINDER - Juniors ages 8-18 - an organizational meeting on Saturday, July 11 at the Yacht Club at 11:00 a.m. Indiana time.

YACHT CLUB DIRECTORS MEETING - July 11 at 12:00 a.m. Indiana time at the Yacht Club. We will meet to discuss the fleet captain's proposal to purchase a committee boat for the Yacht Club.

SQUARE DANCE - August 8th - Birch Lake Yacht Club - Burt Mahnesmith, Caller. Adults 21 and over \$1.00 per person - Refreshments included. Juanita and Bruce Harlan, Chairmen, Cottage #50.

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The Editors wish to give a great big THANKS to Terry DiRutigliano and Scott Troeger for the fine artwork in this issue. They did a lot of work on it. The artwork on the front pages of your BIRCH BARKER has been done by Mrs. James Hunn, not a Birch Laker but a friend from South Bend. Thanks a million to her also.

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# Birch Lake Basketball

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## Club!



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The Birch Lake Basketball Camp opened July 5 and will run for five weeks this first year. Bill King and Herman Kruggel purchased Camp Kiloqua which was a former Camp Fire Girls summer camp. They have joined forces with Dave Rose, basketball coach at Brandywine High School, Niles, Michigan, and Claer Wilhelm, basketball coach at Dowagiac, Michigan to form the Birch Lake Basketball Camp. Boys from grades 5 - 12 are eligible to attend. The boys will have access to three newly laid asphalt basketball courts with a total of 12 baskets. They also will be supervised in waterfront activities.

Joining Rose and Wilhelm on the coaching staff last week was Pat Clydesdale, assistant director at Western Michigan University, and Bob Nordman, 6'10" Michigan State University assistant basketball coach. Future guest coaches include Gus Ganakas, head coach of the MSU Spartans, Eldon Miller, Western Michigan's newly appointed basketball coach, Ed Hagan, WMU freshman cage mentor and Joe Roberts, former team mate of Jerry Lucas, Bailey Howell and John Havlicek at Ohio State University.

The remaining camp schedule is as follows: July 12-18 grades 9-12 -- July 19-25 grades 7-12 -- July 26-August 1 grades 9-12 -- 8-2 to 8 grades 5-12. There are a limited number of openings still available for anyone wishing to attend. Further information may be obtained by contacting one of the coaches at the camp in person or by phone: 476-2137. Birch Lakers are welcome to stop by and see the boys in action on the courts.

\* \* \* \* \* EDITORIAL SCUND-OFF \*

NOW HEAR THIS --

On holidays, such as the 4th of July, Labor Day, etc. you may have guests using your boat, skis, etc. who do not know about Michigan Laws and Regulations concerning boats and boat operation. For example, some do not have with them lights or signals when fishing or travelling on the lake after sunset. Also, some will not know about slow speed after dark. Some will not know about requirements such as remaining outside swimming floats and counter-clockwise travel around the lake. YOU HAVE NOT ONLY AN OBLIGATION BUT A VERY PERSUASIVE REASON FOR EDUCATING YOUR UNINFORMED GUESTS SINCE YOU, AS OWNER OF THE BOAT OR EQUIPMENT ARE LIABLE TO PERSONS INJURED AND FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM MISUSE OF YOUR EQUIPMENT. For those guests who swim after dark you can protect them by a warning of the effect a "prop" from any motor will produce on contact with a swimmer. When having your own private fireworks -- remember the possibilities. This year some rockets were fired over land instead of toward open water and one narrowly missed Dr. Gattman's car. It could have burned or destroyed his convertible top. Another rocket casing was found very close to the Camp Tanandoomah boat storage building (a wooden building). These rockets were not a part of the official fireworks display provided by the B.L.Y.C. Also observed were a few overloaded small boats.  
HELP YOUR GUESTS AND YOURSELF BY REMEMBERING LAKE SAFETY!!! Thanks.

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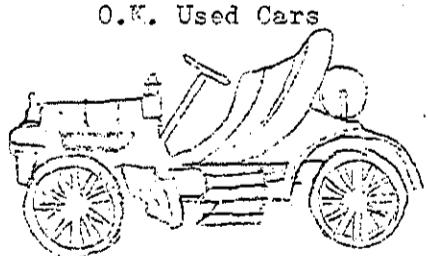


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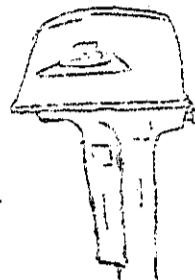
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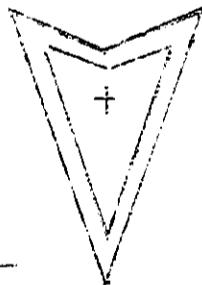


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